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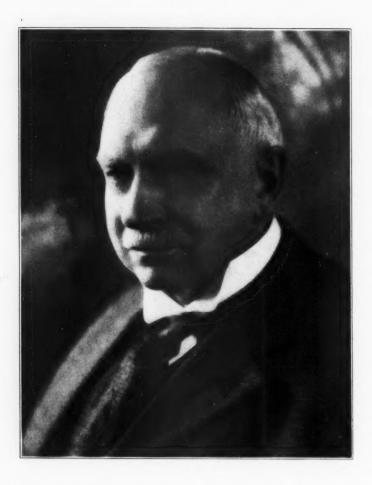
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We dedicate this issue of "The Dental Assistant" to the memory of our beloved friend and Honorary Member, Dr. Charles Nelson Johnson.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

In the passing of our beloved friend, counselor and Honorary Member, Dr. Charles Nelson Johnson, we have lost one whose place can never be filled. Words are so futile when we endeavor to express our deep appreciation and our respectful affection for this great man, who had helped us so many times with his wise words of counsel, and his kindly understanding of our endeavors and problems. No one ever called on him for advice or help that ever were refused encouragement to carry on. His whole existence has been one of loyal service to his fellow men. He loved life and he loved his friends and his profession. He always had a kind word for everyone; he was always sympathetic and understanding, and the personification of kindness. His understanding of humanity gave him unbounded tolerance of its frailties and foibles, and with charity he always helped others to help themselves. His life was one of service and he leaves behind him countless memories of kindly deeds. If each one for whom he had done a kindness during his life, could have placed a rose upon his bier, he would have rested beneath a mountain of blossoms, each one symbolical of the gratitude in the heart of the giver, who had been privileged to call him friend. He truly was one of those "who make the barren places of life fruitful with kindness, and carry a vision of heaven in their heart." Truly "this world is a better place because he passed this way."

Let us all—

"Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There, as the love of Here,
Think of him still as the same, I say
He is not dead, he is just away."

"At Home in the beautiful hills of God In the valley of rest so fair, Some day, sometime, when our task is done With joy we shall meet him There."

#### "MISS ALICE" (A Tribute)

By C. N. Johnson, M.A., L.D.S., D.D.S., F.A.C.D., L.L.D.

In the December, 1907 number of the DENTAL REVIEW, in the "Editor's Desk" department, I published an article entitled "A Little Girl," which ran as follows:—

"I know a little girl who has been assistant in one dental office continuously for nearly twenty-three years. You will probably say that this cannot be—that if she has been in an office for that length of time, she can no longer be a little girl, but there you are mistaken. There are some people who are superior to time. The years have no effect on them except to make them better, purer, broader-minded, and altogether more efficient. These people are most happy, and let me tell you that every individual has it in his power to secure this kind of happiness. It is all a matter of faithful service—service to an employer, to employees, to patients, to clients, to one's family, to humanity. If every boy and girl could be taught this sublime lesson and live up to it, the world would be infinitely better. There would hardly be need for any other gospel. The gospel of loving service, of work, of devotion to duty, though the heavens fall, is the one to regenerate the world. And that little girl has that gospel, and she practices it every day—though she never preaches to any one. There is sometimes a deal of difference between practicing and preaching.

The most pronounced characteristic of this little girl's service is her loyalty. She is true as steel to the interests of her employer, and no one ever did him a wrong that she did not try to right. I used the word "employer," but that was a mistake. No one employs this little girl. She simply helps the dentit conduct his practice, and there is a community of interest in that office which has long since broken down all the barriers of business and developed a spirit of reciprocal service which is most delightful. The idea of the dentist's interests not being her interests never enters her head, and she is more alive to his welfare than he is himself. Nor does her loyalty stop here. Of course I have, fortunately, never seen the matter tested, but I verily believe she would lay down her life for any member of the dentist's family. His children have always been her special pets, and in turn they would defend her at the drop of the hat, or even before the hat had a chance to drop.

Such then is this little girl's position. In all those twenty-three years there has never been a harsh or impatient word passed between her and the dentist, and there never will. The only difference of opinion has been about salary and vacation—two things which cause so much disturbance in the business world. The dentist from time to time raised her salary, but always under protest from the little girl. She has the unique idea that she is getting enough, when as a matter of fact, she would not get enough if she had all the dentist ever earned. Such service as hers cannot be paid for in coin of the realm, though it has often been a sore trial to the dentist to make her accept a modicum of what he thought she ought to have. As for vacations, she absolutely spurns them. When remonstrated with in the matter and urged to run away some place for a rest, she simply smiles a bit indulgently, but ends by having her own way. Her theory is probably correct that the office would not get along very well without her, but the astounding thing is that she claims to take more comfort there than any place. And yet, after all, is not this only another proof of the fact that wherever duty is best performed, there is the greatest happiness.

Why am I writing all this? Surely not to parade a personal matter before the world, but to point a moral. This little girl's example would do well for the great mass of humanity to go by. Her creed is so simple and so effective. It is a "Sane Fourth" creed, not much noise about it, but plenty of enthusiasm. It consists chiefly of fidelity, patience, rock-bottom honesty, cheerfulness, modesty, helpfulness, generosity, loyalty and—more loyalty. I have seen one of the most noted women of the world pin an ornament on the little girl's waist, in token of her appreciation and esteem; I have seen the highest cultured and most refined show her unstinted deference and respect, but I never saw the little girl's head turned for a single instant. That is brain power for you. It is evidence of strength of character to be able to withstand the subtle influence of flattery, and the truly great in the world are always modest. This little girl is one of the truly great. She

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has never betrayed a trust and has always lived up to the highest of her possibilities. That epitomizes greatness, if I know what greatness is. If you would like to see this little girl, call at my office. You will always find her there."

This was written nearly ten years ago, and now if you call at my office you will not find the "little girl" there any more. On August 15th, 1917, "Miss Alice," as everybody called her, quietly lay down her duties and passed serenely to the silent beyond. Her life was an example to every man, woman and child in the world. The highest function that any individual can perform is that of faithful service, and perpetual devotion to duty. Miss Alice was the most conspicuous example of this that I have ever known. She was in my office for thirty-two years, and in all that time there never crossed my mind the slightest suspicion of doubt of her perfect loyalty. She was unselfish in the highest degree, sacrificing always for others and taking a delight in doing it. For herself she asked nothing—nothing but the joy of helping. Her pleasures were of the simplest kind, and therefore she had many of them. She loved birds, and birds were attracted to her; she loved flowers, and flowers grew for her as for no one else.

Sensitive in the highest degree to censure or blame, she would willingly accept both rather than defend herself by exposing others. She suffered many a pang in silence when a word of truth from her lips would have shielded her. She was heroic to an exalted extent. In those thirty-two years she was never out of my office a day on account of illness till the final, fatal illness came; and yet there must have been many times when it cost her endless effort to be at her post. No one ever knew she was ill till the evidence was unmistakable. She never complained. If I could write an accurate story of the life and devotion of this girl, it would be the greatest sermon ever penned—not only for the material good she did in the world, but for the example she set. And so I say again, it is for this example that I am venturing to bring a personal matter before my readers. It is not that I wish to "hang my heart on my sleeve and parade it before the people," but that the life of Miss Alice, if studied and followed, would make the world a better place.

To my family and to me, her loss is irreparable, and it impresses me as the strangest experience of my life. Somehow I had always felt that Alice would live long after I was gone, and that when my final summons came she would be there to gather up the loose ends, and see that my affairs were kept straight. She was always doing that. But the freaks of fate have willed it otherwise, and they have heaped upon me the added sorrow that, as I write these lines on this day of all days, I am detained more than 500 miles from the spot where they are laying her peacefully away. All that is left for me to do is to pay a tender tribute to her memory, and to pledge myself to live a better life because she lived. In the realm where birds sing sweetest; where flowers bloom brightest; where hearts are pure and true; where loyalty is king, and devotion reigns supreme; where the incense from good and noble deeds dispels the dross of doubt and fear; where hope, and happiness, and truth, and joy, and faith, and love make a heaven all their own—there dwells the spirit of Miss Alice.

C. N. JOHNSON.

(Reprinted from "The Dental Review," October, 1917, and published in brochure form, of which I have a copy. Juliette A. Southard, Editor of "The Dental Assistant.")

#### AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

St. Louis, Missouri, October 23-27, 1938

You've heard of April in Paris, January in Florida, but now you are about to hear of October in Missouri. Truly it is our most beautiful month. The leaves are still on the trees in their countless hues of red, gold, and brown. The air is snappy and invigorating, yet not cold enough to warrant a winter coat. The social season will have just gotten well under way when you arrive and the theaters, hotels, and night clubs will be going full sway with the very best the city has to offer in entertainment. Our headquarters hotel, the DeSoto, is in easy walking distance of the amusement and shopping center and only four blocks from the Municipal Auditorium where the exhibits and clinics will be held.

There will be many things to claim your attention:—The famous Lindbergh Trophies, totaling more than 5,000 articles, will be on display at Jefferson Memorial in Forest Park and this exhibit is one you won't want to miss. The boyhood home of Eugene Field, "The Children's Poet," has been refurnished with articles used by the noted author, and is a St. Louis landmark of historical interest to all visitors. The "Ole Man Mississippi" will beckon you to the Golden Rod Show Boat, docked at the foot of Washington Street, where old-fashioned "Meller-Drammers" are presented nightly. Arrangements have been made for those who so desire to take an escorted tour through the Anheuser Busch Brewery where the beer for which St. Louis is famed, is brewed. (Please state your intentions in regard to this trip when you register) I could go on to boast of our Jewel Box and Shaw's Garden, two beautiful botanical centers which harbor a variety of flower and plant life, dazzling to behold; our Lambert Airport, one of the largest and finest in the country, but space will not permit more elaboration.

The demands on your time will be many, with a tea planned for Sunday afternoon, a luncheon and banquet for Tuesday's festivities, and the finest clinics and exhibits any meeting has ever offered, which must be worked into your schedule to complete a well-rounded program of activity. Let me close by informing you that dark, fall clothes will be the things to wear, and St. Louis will be the place to wear them in October, so come and LET US SHOW YOU all of our points of interest-

WE'RE FROM MISSOURI.

ELIZABETH KNIGHT, Pub. Chrm. Local Arrangements Committee. 813 Beaumont Med. Bldg.

#### ON TO ST. LOUIS!!

It is easy to understand why so many dental assistants are taking vacations in October this year, when one stops to think. "St. Louis awaits you." The Hostess societies invite you and the headquarters, Hotel DeSoto (Locust at 11th Street-Mr. O. P. Greathouse, Manager) desires to make your stay comfortable and pleasant. The Program Committee has worked diligently to furnish a well-rounded program of outstanding personalities for your education. The Convention Arrangements Committee is burning the midnight oil in order to have everything in readiness. Entertainment features have been planned in your honor, and if you miss all of this you will always regret it.

For a successful meeting WE NEED YOU. All of the committees, officers, planning, etc., will be valueless unless you are there, fellow-assistant, at the meeting. are essential." There will be a Gala night; the Am. Dental Association's President's Ball; the Assistants Annual Banquet; a Tea; Luncheons; Sightseeing; visits to Shopping District, New Municipal Plaza and Auditorium, World Famous Zoo, various shows and night clubs; beautiful parks, etc., etc. Education, Goodfellowship, Entertainment, Fun-Frolic and Feasting, will all be included to make this one grand

meeting.

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#### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

American Dental Assistants Association

Fourteenth Annual Meeting, October 24-28, 1938

Hotel DeSoto, St. Louis, Mo.

#### Sunday, October 23rd-

10 A.M. Board of Trustees Meeting.

#### Monday, October 24th-

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9:30 A.M......House of Delegates Meeting. Business Session.

Clinician's Meeting.

Presenting-

Rev. William MacIvor
Dr. Oather A. Kelly
Ethel Whitenton
Marie S. Shaw
Dr. Nye W. Goodman
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Ida A. Williamson
Dr. Frank Casto
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Mabel A. Lyon
Memorial Service,

Margaret H. Hummer.

#### Tuesday, October 25th-

9:30 A.M.....Conference Meeting.

There will be a ten-minute discussion after each Clinic-Paper presentation.

Presenting-

Dr. J. Russell Mitchell
Dr. Frederick VanDoren Martin.
Augusta N. Taylor
Mildred Stephens
Celia Oster
Eunice Jackson
Henrietta Buck

Hostess Day-

Noon .....Luncheon by Hostess Societies.

2:00 P.M	Presenting—
	Dr. R. H. Miller
	Viavin Prose
	Helene Meyers
	Dr. Thomas E. Purcell
	Dorothy Light
	Marie Robinson
	Dr. Ruth Martin
	Dorothy Danzer
	Darlene Wuthenow
	Dorothy Kausler
6:30 P.M	Informal Reception.
7:00 P.M.	Annual Banquet.

A cordial invitation is extended to members of the dental profession, their wives, dental assistants and friends.

Informal—Per cover—\$2.50.

#### Wednesday, October 26th-

A.M.	Rest and Recreation.
12:15	Mouth Hygiene Luncheon.
	This luncheon is a courtesy invitation of the A.D.A. to our association, and we should show our appreciation by attending.
2:30	P.MSecond House of Delegates Meeting.
	Presenting—
	Iverna Rae Sarah Hood Gallien
	Business Session.

#### Thursday, October 27th-

District Meetings.
Presenting—
Lucile Black
Airna Chamberlair
Mary Connolly

2:00 P.M......Clinics—
Table clinics covering

Table clinics covering various phases of assisting, will be presented by representatives of the component societies. See your official program for details. Clinics will be held in the Municipal Auditorium with those of the A.D.A.

#### Friday, October 28th-

9:30	A.M	Final H	louse of	Delegates	Meeting.	
		Business	Session			
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Registration:-

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Registration will begin Sunday at 9 A.M. continuing through the day. Monday from 9 A.M. until noon. Thereafter one-half hour before each session. All meetings will be held at Hotel DeSoto.

Exhibits-

An exhibit will be presented in the Health Exhibit section of the American Dental Association in the Municipal Auditorium.

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#### THE ASSISTANT IN ORAL SURGERY

By ISABEL EGAN, Newark, N. J.

(Presented before the New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association at Atlantic City, N. J., April 21st, 1938)

The role of the assistant in the Oral Surgeon's office is an important adjunct to successful surgery. Perhaps in no other field of dentistry is the competent assistant more essential to the operator. This paper is too brief to enter into the roles of the assistants in their various capacities in the surgical office. I have therefore limited my observations to the role of the assistant at the chair during operative procedure. When the surgery is performed under general anesthesia, at least two assistants are necessary. Under local anesthesia, in many instances, the one assistant is sufficient. This paper represents a summation of practical technic I have acquired through my association with exodontists during the past six years. To my mind a successful assisting technic is predicated upon several factors; primarily, digital dexterity, and in addition, a knowledge of operative procedure, including anatomy of the parts, steps in technic, etc. To render the maximum of assistance with a minimum of interference to the operator is the goal to be sought. When I refer to the necessity of digital dexterity, I do not mean assisting at uncomplicated, simple extractions. For such a service, very little assistance is needed by the operator. The head must be firmly supported, but this is usually carried out by the anesthetist or the assistant behind the chair. Rather, I have in mind the assistance needed in the surgery for impactions, cysts, alveolectomies, and other major procedures.

Let us take as a specific example, the assistance essential to the operator during the removal of a difficult, impacted lower 3rd molar. The assistant is responsible for the carrying out of four very important steps.

- 1. The area must be kept free of blood.
- 2. The area must be well lighted at all
- 3. The angle of the mouth must be retracted.

4. The throat pack must be maintained in position.

We shall now consider each of these steps in turn. To keep the operative field free of blood, I have found an electric suction apparatus to be ideal. This apparatus consists of an electric pump to which is connected a long, rubber tube. Into the end of the rubber tube is inserted a suction instrument. Various size tips can be placed into this instrument. At hand, sterilized and ready for insertion, should be a number of such tips. In most instances the tip with the small aperature is best suited because it will penetrate into the smallest zone. In cases where there is profuse bleeding, the larger opening is applicable. In the manipulation of this suction apparatus, certain precautions must be observed. Trauma against the mandibular canal and its vessels, particularly the nerve, must be carefully avoided since even slight injury to these structures may produce post-operative numbness. Care should be taken, too, not to push roots or debris into distant parts of the cavity. Finally, suture threads can be easily pulled out by the suction, necessitating the reinsertion of the suture needle, an annoying procedure to both the operator and the patient.

The operative area can be flooded with bright light with the use of an Engle mouth lamp. This lamp is connected with an ordinary electric socket. It is made up of a long, metal shaft, at the end of which is a tiny, electric bulb. The arm holding the bulb is at a right angle to the shaft. The lamp can be comfortably inserted to light the most obscure recess in the oral cavity. The shaft is about the size of a lead pencil. Because it is so light, it can be readily controlled with the fingers alone when necessary. Such a lamp with its tiny bright light is of invaluable aid to the operator when directed advantageously on the operative area. It is important that the lamp be held between the assistant and

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the operative zone. The tendency to hold the lamp between the operator and the operative field is great and must be overcome, since it seriously interferes with the operator's view of the area. The bulb itself must be kept out of direct contact with the soft tissues since the heat it generates may cause a burn. A recent type of lamp which has just appeared on the market is also well adapted for use in the oral cavity. It is distinguished by the fact that it is a cold light. In addition, the actual illuminator can be used as a retractor. If you can conceive of a glass retractor, illuminated from within and shedding a fairly bright light, you will have a mental picture of this new lamp. The retractor is an unbreakable, transparent composition and is made in various forms and sizes, which can be easily inserted in the hand piece. This lamp, too, is connected with an ordinary electric socket. In cases where the light need not be concentrated on a minute or obscure area, and where the corner of the mouth must be retracted or a throat pack held away from the operative area, this lamp is ideal. The assistant, armed with these two mouth lamps, can create a well lighted operative field both under local and general anesthesia.

To retract the angle of the mouth is a comparatively simple matter and is usually handled by the assistant behind the chair. If the surgery is being performed under local anesthesia and there is only one assistant at the chair, this task can be accomplished by alternating the manipulation of the tools. Here digital dexterity plays an important part. To maintain the throat pack in position, the important point to remember is that only the slightest pressure is necessary. Undue pressure

will cause the patient to gag and under general anesthesia, gagging will induce nausea and vomiting. To return to our original theses, digital dexterity must be acquired for the proper manipulation of these tools of the assistant. An adaptation to the individual technic and temperament of the operator is essential if the assistant is to anticipate his every move and govern her procedure for a smooth coordination in the surgery. Knowledge of the operative procedure, which of necessity includes a knowledge of the anatomical structure of the parts operated upon, distinguishes the competent assistant from the indifferent one.

In the short scope of this paper it is obviously impossible to enter upon all phases and details of surgical assistance. It is important to mention, however, that aside from the technical skill called for, the assistant must possess certain personality traits. The field of the psychological relationship between the patient and the assistant is a vast and important one. Briefly stated the assistant is called upon to prepare the patient psychologically for the ordeal of the surgery. During and following the operative procedure, again, it is the assistant to whom the patient turns for sympathy and reassurance. Suffice it to say, no matter how competent an assistant may be in a technical sense, she will be quite ineffective in her work if she is not capable of handling people of very diverse personalities and characters. Patience, tact and skill are the three legs of the triangle upon which rests the successful relationship of the assistant both to the operator and patient.

130 Market St.

#### ON TO ST. LOUIS

(Continued from page 118)

Again—make your reservations with the hotel direct and early. Rates—single \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00; double \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00; Twin beds—\$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00; also more than two people can be accommodated in many of the rooms, if arrangements are made with the hotel. Please plan to attend.

ETHEL WHITENTON, Convention Chairman.

#### GOOD MORNING MR. GALLAGHER

By SADIE M. LEACH, La Porte, Ind. (Continued)

It is well worth while to try. People are tremendously pleased when you remember to call them by name. How do we go about it? (if we do not have the gift naturally) Well, there are memory courses offered, some of which might be helpful. However, if we really get the habit of listening when people tell us their names; if we can connect some little peculiarity of face or action with the name, (sometimes the name itself is unusual) while talking to the person, during that first conversation, repeat the name several times; if we think that we didn't hear it correctly the first time, ask the patient to repeat it, (he doesn't mind, he likes to hear his name). Your appointment book will help you check on names of course, but you can't always depend on that, and if a man's name is Mr. Gallagher don't go out and say, "Good morning, Mr. Shean" just because Mr. Shean's name is the next in order. People don't like being mistaken for other people. Here's a happy thought, the more we do it, the more we do it. It's a nice habit, and it will help us do our part in selling the services of our office to the patients. One last suggestion—be friendly, it is much easier to remember the name of a person with whom we have been friendly. Don't spread it on, of course; if we aren't sincere the patients with whom we come in contact will soon find it out.

A practice that is built on a basis of service and friendliness will be a practice that will endure over a long period of years, with the same patients returning again and again; the children who are our patients growing up and having children of their own. I don't believe that it would be possible to find any keener joy in life than the joy we find in service and friendliness that our particular kind of work brings to us. Here's something to paste in our hats, for use at all times and in all places, but especially if we are dental assistants; "I am a little thing with a big meaning. I help everybody. I unlock doors, open hearts, dispel prejudice, create friendship and goodwill, inspire respect and admiration. I bore nobody, violate no law, cost nothing. Many have praised me, none have condemned me. I am pleasing to those of high and low degree. I am useful every moment of the day. I AM COURTESY."

809 Jefferson Ave.

(The following is used by the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, at opening of a meeting):

#### A COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN

"Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are at one. And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common woman's heart of us all, and oh, Lord God, let us not forget to be kind."

"The success of an organization must ultimately and intimately depend on every member grasping the significance of her vocation; the member who understands her responsibility concerning her vocation will realize more and more the great influence of her organization."



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#### **QUESTION BOX**

By ETHEL WHITENTON, 906 Exchange Bldg., Memphis, Tenn.



1. If a casting is still discolored after pickling, let it soak in a concentrated solution of Polident.

2. While the plaster is still in the mixing bowl, place a glass slab over it and shake up and down several times. This eliminates air bubbles.

3. Keep a supply of asbestos linings cut for casting rings prior to their use, remem-

bering to leave about one-eighth inch at each end of the ring exposed. This helps to keep the investment from cracking when heated.

4. To remove the rust from your sterilizer, place about two tablespoons of HCl in a sterilizer full of warm water, and let it stand for ten or fifteen minutes.

(KATHERINE REARDON, Washington, D. C.)

#### CLEANING INSTRUMENTS

1. A mixture of your favorite cleanser and vinegar, just enough to thoroughly moisten the cleanser and make a paste, will be found very effective in cleaning rust and stains from instruments.

2. Vaseline placed on the joints of forceps while they are hot, in a very thin coat, makes a good lubricant. It tends to stay in the joint and allows very little to escape to the outside of the forceps.

3. With a dish of bicarbonate of soda and an eye dropper and warm water at hand, you can effectively clean the rust from the joints of forceps; place a small quantity of soda in the joint then apply just a drop of water—work forceps open and closed about twenty times. If the instrument is badly rusted, repeat the procedure. Follow this with soapy water and then sterilize.

4. By rubbing instruments with an ordinary eraser of medium grit you can remove ALL rust from stainless steel and plated instruments. The action is a mildly abrasive one, and will not harm the instrument any more than the action of the finest cleanser. Mechanics employ this method on their tools which demand good care for the long wear and precision required of them.

5. If, before you put water on silver

nitrate spilled on an object, you will bathe the object in a saturated solution of bicarbonate of soda, you can remove the stain successfully.

6. Smoother wear between cleanings will be obtained from your typewriter, if you can give it a good surface cleaning every day. A narrow brush will aid you in removing dust from the keys and insides of the machine which you cannot reach with a cloth. You can clean the type with Energine poured on a tooth brush.

7. Wax will give the equipment a higher polish than furniture polish and last much longer. It is more resistant to water spots.

(2nd District D.A.A. of Knoxville, Tenn.)

Be careful to keep mouthpiece of the telephone wiped with a sterilizing solution for protection.

Do not use the telephone while the hands are wet. It is dangerous.

A round tin pill box, the sides of which will compress and spring out again, makes a splendid container for soldering flux. Punch a hole through the side and the flux can be expelled exactly at the point desired and only the necessary amount will come out.

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#### EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

#### DEDICATION

This issue of our Journal is dedicated to the memory of our cherished friend, counselor and Honorary Member, Dr. C. N. Johnson. We reverently publish the very first article in his book "The Handclasp," as we know it will be treasured by our members, and prove an inspiration to all who read it. We are fortunate to possess an autographed copy of this book, and from time to time we hope to publish some of its contents so that our members may have them to cherish. (The Editor.)

#### MY CREED

(By Dr. CHARLES NELSON JOHNSON)

I believe in allowing others to believe as they wish, provided their belief works no injustice to their fellow man or fellow beast. I believe in patience, in consideration, in kindness—above all, I believe in kindness. I believe the world owes every man a living—when he earns it, but not otherwise. I believe in goodness, but not the goody good. I believe in the rugged kind which digs deep down into the heavy hearts of humanity, and drags out the misery and sorrow and discouragement, and plants the flowers of hope and happiness—and then says nothing about it. I believe in one good act more than in a million sermons. I believe in doing more than in saying.

I believe in correcting a wrong, but not in harboring revenge. I believe in charity, but not in alms. I believe in helping others to help themselves, but I do not believe in creating paupers by a false philanthropy. I believe in strength of character and simplicity of taste. I believe in morals, but not in moralizing; in practice, but not in preaching; in culture, but not in cults. I believe in humility, but not the humility which makes a man look down instead of up. I believe in hope, but not the hope which takes everything for granted and trusts to luck. I do not believe in going out to look for trouble, but I believe in meeting an issue face to face instead of hiding your head in the sand. I do not believe in worry, but I do believe in taking thought of the morrow, for I

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have never yet seen a morrow which wholly took care of itself. I do not believe in letting the other fellow do all the worrying, because to do that is to acknowledge yourself something less than a cog in the wheel.

I believe in the good old times—which are now, and will be a thousand years after you and I are dead. I respect the past, but I believe the world is becoming better. I believe in idolatry, but not of graven images. I believe in the worship of men, women and little chidren; of truth, justice and loving kindness. I do not believe in killing people, either in passion or by sanction of the law; either in the war of nations or the war of trade. I believe in giving every man a chance to live and make good. I believe in the gospel of work, but not in the greed of gain; in the sanctity of labor, but not in the degradation of drudgery.

I believe in wealth, the wealth of ideas, of knowledge—the priceless heritage left us by the intellect of all the ages. I believe in the fundamentals of civilization, but not in the frills of society. I believe in sunshine, pure air and cheerfulness. I believe in the glorious out-of-doors, and in the sacredness of the soil. I believe in the hallowed portals of the home, and the communion of the family fireside. I believe in the blessed Trinity of Love, Laughter and Liberty, for where these three dwell there is happiness. I believe in living each day with all my heart, with all my soul, with all the powers that in me lie so that the world may be better for my living. And this then is my creed, to have no creed save that of doing good and being kind—of doing good all the time and being kind all the time, now, henceforth and forever.

"So many dogmas, so many creeds, So many paths that wind and wind, When just the art of being kind Is all this sad world needs."

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Looking through our scrap book, we find the following:—"Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words, while their ears can hear them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send to their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them that I may be refreshed and cheered by them, while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy.—Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way."

#### "THIS AND THAT"

MARGARET C. SHARP, Peoples Trust Bldg., Jasonville, Indiana (Please have material reach this office by October 10th)

THE TOLEDO D.A.'s held their annual banquet in the Toledo Women's Building with about twenty-four present, including doctors, their wives and assistants. It was a lovely affair and enjoyed by everyone present. The installation of new officers was conducted by the retiring president, Evelyn Pete. Moving pictures, furnished through the courtesy of one of the sponsors, was an added attraction. . . . THE CIN-CINNATI D.A.A. held its annual picnic at Chautauqua Park, Franklin, O., and every one had a jolly time. The one great disappointment of the day was that the very capable Hospitality Chairman, Thelma Jaap, was rushed to the hospital for an appendectomy. We are happy to report that Thelma is recovering nicely. At this affair the "Banks for Convention Fund" were opened and prizes awarded Grace Renshaw and Tecla Herfert for having the most money to report. A year-old debt was paid by the Gloom Group who lost a contest to the Sunshine Group—a chicken dinner (in form of a candy-bar). A six-weeks' course in Laboratory Technique, under the direction of Mr. C. H. Ackerman will open the Fall study program. Congratulations to Helen Morris and Mildred Brinkmeyer, who recently announced their engagements. . . . DAYTON D.A.A. was delightfully entertained at the home of their president, Hazel Mentel, with Blanche Overpeck and Maude Knapp assisting hostesses. Cards, games and refreshments rounded out the evening, which was the last meeting for the summer. The annual camp-picnic supper will be held in September. . . . COLUMBUS D.A.A. held their annual picnic at O'Shaugnessy Dam. Fried chicken with all its trimmings was served by Rose Pardi, Vera Finley and Helen Hemenway. This was also a celebration of Clara Bair's birthday, for which Vera Finley had made a small birthday cake with "Happy Birthday" written in pink wax. For entertainment many of the girls went horseback-riding and swimming. The new president, Elma Willis, being a candid cameraman, spent the evening taking "posed" and "un-posed" pictures. Regular meetings of the society will resume in the Fall with meetings to be held at Hotel Charminel. . . .

NORTHWEST DIST. of IOWA met for a Steak Fry in South Ravine. Plans were made and committees appointed for the District Convention. Thirteen charter members attended the first meeting of the new Cedar Rapids Society, recently organized by Louise Lynum, President-elect of the Iowa State D.A.A. Those taking offices in the new society are Evelyn Peterson, Charlotte Chalmers and Martha Smith. . . Miss Winifred Jensen, President of the ST. PAUL DIST. D.A. & Hyg. recently became the bride of Dr. Robert Monick. Another summer bride in this group was Mary June Haines. Frances Bengston thoroughly enjoyed a vacation trip to California. . . THE CHICAGO D.A.A. deeply mourns the loss of their (and our) beloved friend, Dr. C. N. Johnson. Dr. Johnson was their first Counsellor and helped organize their society. In spite of the fact that he had many responsibilities and duties, he never failed to attend the Birthday Dinners, or the open meeting of the Mid-winter Meeting. . . . The various groups in the INDIANA STATE D.A.A. have foregone regular meetings during the hot summer months and will resume activities in the Fall. Betty Hanshew, efficient secretary, spent her vacation at Knoxville, Tenn. The WEST-ERN INDIANA D.A.A. held their annual dinner meeting at Shakamak State Park with Margaret C. Sharp, hostess. Swimming, hiking, tennis and boating were enjoyed, then a fried chicken dinner was served in the dining pavilion. Colorful hand-made aprons were given as favors. . . . THE CHATTANOOGA D.A.A. was hostess for their State Association meeting, at which time they had as honor guest, Marie Sillay Shaw, First Vice-Pres. of the A.D.A.A. Trophies and other awards were presented nt

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by the President of the Dental Association at their annual banquet, to which affair the assistants were invited. The Chattanooga Society held their annual banquet at the Lookout Mt. Hotel with Gladys Pinson, a Past-President, serving as Toastmistress. Those in charge of arrangements were Juanita Ball, R. C. Blakley and Helen Carver. An A.D.A.A. pin, a traditional gift to the retiring president, was presented Helen Carver. Installation of new officers completed the evening's program. The Chickamaugua Celebration "Drums of Dixie" scheduled for Sept. 16th to 25th, has the Chattanooga girls drilling every Wednesday. They will perform before the Queen of the Celebration each of the nine nights. The formations are pretty and snappy and it promises to be quite an event. Juanita Ball has recovered following an appendectomy. Three members, Misses Poorman, Miller and Mrs. Wagner, vacationed in Cuba. Martha Miller had wished for some sea experience en route and this was fulfilled for they had moonlight going over and a severe storm on the return trip. Dorothy Usmiller and Gladys Pinson spent their vacations at Daytona Beach, while Beulah Marus visited French Lick, Indiana. The Society is looking forward to a big Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party. . . . THE KNOXVILLE D.A.A. enjoyed a dinner at the Terrace Tea Room, with Madeline Sharp, Frances Drumwright and Eunicia Seymour as hostesses. The new officers were installed for the coming year. . . . THE MEMPHIS D.A.'s held their picnic supper at the famous Overton Park amid summer showers, but the rain did not dampen the party. Ethel Whitenton was hostess to the Society with a lovely party at her home in August. By the way, Ethel flew to St. Louis in July to make further arrangements for our National Convention. Ola Lundy and Linnie Jones Spence are touring California and points west. Deepest sympathy is extended Lucille Reed, whose father, affectionately known to the Memphis girls as "Pops", passed away July 4th. . . . THE NASHVILLE D.A.'s were honored at a recent meeting by the presence of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Aita and Dr. and Mrs. Sam Bernow; the speaker of the evening was Dr. Walter McFall, who chose for his subject "The Part the Dental Assistant Plays in a Successful Business Office.'

VALLEY DIST. D.A.A. of Springfield, Mass. appears in our column after a long absence. Welcome, girls! They report that they have climaxed the year's activities with a dinner-dance and banquet. The Dinner-Dance was a huge success both financially and socially. Hidden talents were disclosed in the form of singing dentists. Rita McCool is retiring president of this group. . . . THE MONMOUTH COUNTY D.A.A. of N. J. celebrated its tenth birthday with a banquet at the Marine Grill, Asbury Park. Ten charter members of the organization were honored at this time and gifts of strings of pearls were presented them. Other honor-guests attending were Robina McMurdo, Sarah Hood Gallien and Helen Fitting. A history of the organization was compiled and read by Edna Storer, secretary of the Society. Candles on a tiered birthday cake were lighted by the past-presidents for each year of office. Loving cups were presented the oldest and youngest members in terms of years of service, and Mabel Burr presented a cup to the Society to be awarded the member who writes the best essay in the coming year. . . . THE DENTAL ASSISTANTS STUDY CLUB of Brooklyn held its annual meeting at which time the outline for the coming year's work was presented. The Dinner-Dance with a good orchestra, a delicious dinner, clever entertainment and colorful surroundings proved a huge success.

THE NEW ORLEANS D.A.A. were guests of Mr. Louis Pfisterer at his lodge at Rigolets, La. Several of the assistants attended and report a most enjoyable time. Summer activities are not very numerous, for the girls are conserving their energies to expend upon the splendid program outlined for the coming year. A Bridge-Party is being planned for Founder's Day. . . . A gala afternoon party was the pleasure of members and friends of the LOS ANGELES D.A.A. at the home of Dr. A. W. Zimke. Swimming and tennis were the past-times for the active sports girls, while

others enjoyed croquet. Refreshments were served "al fresco." Board members spent a pleasant afternoon at Dr. Kulstad's ranch. Badminton and Ping Pong were the games played and a delightful barbecue supper was served. The Los Angeles girls are looking forward to the So. California Dental Convention, to be held at Coronado in September. "Hypo News", the new monthly magazine of this society, has made its initial appearance. . . . THE SAN FRANCISCO D.A.A. is getting ready for the St. Louis meeting. They have elected their delegates and are now planning a co-operative dance with the ALAMEDA COUNTY D.A.A. to be held on Treasure Island in Oct. ... SACRAMENTO D.A.'s, though not having regular meetings during the summer, had a nice get-together in the form of a swimming party and picnic supper. Although it was not a business meeting, plans for the Fall program was discussed. The delegate to St. Louis will be Dorothy Smart of Roseville and alternate, Irene Cucchi. All members of this society are looking forward to a course in Dental Anatomy to be given by one of the local doctors, which is scheduled on the Fall program. Recently some of the Sacramento girls were the guests of Dolly Correll and Dorothy Blair at Montgomery Ranch, out of Woodbridge. It was a swim and birthday party—cake, candles and all the rest. STOCKTON and LODI D.A.'s were also guests and all seemed in favor of more inter-district get-togethers. . . .

THE MIAMI DISTRICT D.N. ASSN. are planning to send official representatives to Jacksonville, in November at the time of the Florida State Dental Society Meeting, when the societies in St. Petersburg, Jacksonville and Miami, will hold a joint meeting and clinics, and a conference will be held regarding the organization of a State Society. Virginia Schenck spent her vacation in Atlanta and reported a happy visit with Marie Shaw, 1st Vice-President of the A.D.A.A. At this writing, Lillian Claughton, Secty., is vacationing in Atlanta also, and Marie may expect another caller from Miami. Janet Pope Cole and her Membership Committee, are planning for a substantial increase of new members for the coming Fall and Winter.

### HISTORY OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

Presented on the Tenth Anniversary. June 29th, 1938, at Asbury Park, N. J. By Edna Storer, Freehold, N. J.

On Wednesday evening, May 23, 1928, 34 dental assistants from Monmouth and Ocean Counties, met at the office of Dr. W. O. Pittenger, Asbury Park, N. J., for the purpose of forming a dental assistants association. Mrs. Mabel Burr, of Lake Como, presided at the meeting, and it was through her efforts that this meeting was planned and carried out. The society owes Mabel Burr, its Founder, much credit for her untiring efforts in holding the society together during its pioneer days. Officers for the first year were elected, as follows:—President, Mabel Burr; Vice-President, Madeline Breslin; Recording Secretary, Clara B. Phillips; Corresponding Secretary, Emma Marter; Registrar, Mrs. Nellie Hope. A committee on by-laws was appointed, and yearly dues were determined.

Another meeting was held on June 27th, during which time the group selected the name, "Monmouth County Dental Assistants Association." It was also decided that clinics would be arranged for each monthly meeting, and the society adjourned until September. The Fall activities opened with Miss Agnes MacNeil, President of the E. and E. Society For D.A., 1st District, N. Y., as guest speaker, who explained the

by-laws and other matters pertaining to the National Association, after which the Monmouth County Society's constitution and by-laws were accepted, (revisions to these original by-laws have since been made). Various committees were appointed, etc. It is through these committees that the many duties pertaining to the society are carried on, and it is the duty of every member to cooperate with these committees. The membership steadily increased, until the Wall Street crash of late 1929, when the membership took quite a drop, but has since come back. Each month, the society secured a speaker or clinician to enlighten us on the various phases of dental assisting. Several of the dental supply companies have been very kind to us, furnishing many clinicians for our meetings. The society has shown such great interest in the service to the dental profession, that these companies extended invitations to the group to visit their respective factories, at their expense. Everyone, who took advantage of these opportunities reported having had an interesting time, which was a real education.

During our pioneer days, meetings were held in the various dental offices throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties, until through the kindness of Doctors Cattanach and Wooley, we were offered a room adjoining their offices, in Long Branch, N. J., which we were indeed happy to accept. At the New Jersey State Dental Meeting held in Atlantic City, N. J., April 1931, a New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association was organized, of which the Monmouth County Dental Assistants Association. Incidentally Monmouth County was responsible for the organizing of the State Association. The A.D.A.A. Convention was held in Atlantic City, N. J., July 1937. The first National Convention held in New Jersey since the organizing of the State Society, and the members took advantage of this opportunity. The New Jersey members feel confident that the convention was a decided success, according to the reports from the assistants who attended from the many other states.

The Monmouth County Society has worked hard to raise money to carry on, by giving dances, card parties, outings, disposing of shares on books, and disposing of a "dark horse" prize at each monthly meeting. We are reassured of our efforts being well worth while, for we are sailing smoothly once again, having weathered the many hardships, and they have been many. We now have 36 active members, 1 associate member, and 1 honorary member, Juliette A. Southard, Founder of the A.D.A.A., and on our Tenth Anniversary, we still have the following ten charter members:—Alberta Bennett, Mabel Burr, Reba De Roche, Thelma Eckhart, Margaret Hill, Clara B. Phillips, Ella M. Smith, Lillian Satterthwait, Edith Worth, Edna Storer. Monmouth County feels very proud to have among its members Mabel Burr, Founder and first Past President of the society, now Subscription Manager of the "Dental Assistant Journal"; Clara Phillips, also a Past President of the Society, Past National Trustee, now Chairman of the Program Committee for the A.D.A.A. Convention to be held in St. Louis; and Edith Worth, another Past President of the Society, has risen to the Presidency of the State Society. Congratulations girls and continued success.

#### SECRETARY'S CORNER

LUCILE S. HODGE, Gen. Sec'y, 401 Medical Arts Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn.

- ATTENTION SECRETARIES: From time to time we think of problems we would like settled and questions we would like answered in regard to cooperation with the General Secretary's office and also state and local societies. At the last House of Delegates Meeting at St. Louis on Friday morning, you will be given an opportunity to present your questions. Write your questions down, they need not be signed, and bring them to this meeting—the major officers of the A.D.A.A. will try to answer them for you.
- THE ANGELO CHIAVARO D.D.S. LOYAL ASSISTANT TROPHY will be awarded to the dental assistant who has been a member of the A.D.A.A. for a period of two years or more, presenting credentials of the longest period of service with one employer, at St. Louis. See that all members in your society with a record of ten years or more, prepare the proper credentials and forward them to this office by October 17, 1938.
- LETTER—About September 15th you will receive from this office Credential cards for your delegates and alternates—see that they are filled in properly and forwarded to these members in plenty of time for the meeting.
- I wish to thank you, secretaries, for your splendid cooperation this year, and shall look forward to seeing you at St. Louis next month!
- NEW SOCIETIES: It is again our privilege to extend Greetings to new members of our Association:
  - MIAMI VALLEY DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSN. (Hamilton, Ohio)

President, Dorothy Heet, 215 Rentschler Bldg.; Vice-President, Dorothy Forster; Secretary, Virginia Daneff, 312 Rentschler Bldg.; Treasurer, Connie Hester.

HOUSTON DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY (Houston, Texas)

President, Virginia Evans, 2717 Gulf Bldg.; Vice-President, Margaret McConnell; Secretary, Marie Wier, 1018 Esperson Bldg.; Treasurer, Marjorie Newsome.

KANAWHA VALLEY DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY (Charleston, West Virginia)

President, Mrs. Ruth Ferguson, 430 Medical Arts Bldg.; Vice-President, Erma Newton; Secretary-Treasurer, Blanche Hambrick, 901 Kanawha Bank & Trust Bldg.; Librarian, Mrs. H. B. Marshall.

We also have the privilege of greeting two Independent members from Arkansas: Mary E. Whaley, associated with Dr. E. L. McNally, 119 West Emma Ave., Springdale, Ark.; Wanda Easley, associated with Dr. A. W. Marshall,  $110\frac{1}{2}$  W. Walnut St., Rogers, Ark.

The following societies have recently held elections as follows:-

LONG BEACH D.A. ASSN. (Calif.)

President, Leone Sprague, 578 East 20th St.; Vice-President, Leanna Marks;

Secretary, Leone Johnson, 803 F & M Bldg.; Treasurer, Inez Veach; Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Bufkin; Directors, Jean Beerkle and Alva Maxwell Sears.

#### SAN DIEGO COUNTY D.A. SOCIETY (Calif.)

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#### DENTISTS ATTENTION!

The part that organized dentistry will play in the recently proposed plans for a government program of health for the American people may largely be determined by decisions made by the American Dental Association membership at the annual sessions to be held in St. Louis, Mo., October 24 to 28th. It is urgent that every member who possibly can attend be present at the St. Louis convention.

In the forefront of discussion in the House of Delegates at St. Louis, undoubtedly will be the broad national health program recommended by the technical committee of the Inter-Departmental Committee to Co-ordinate Health and Welfare Activities. The program is patterned after the \$850,000,000 plan submitted to the National Health Conference in July, at which time Dr. Camalier headed a delegation of dentists who were among the 300 medical, labor, farm, social work and civic leaders in attendance. While the discussion on the government health project looms as the most important single problem to come up at St. Louis, the five day convention program is literally packed with events of vital interest to all members. Three general meetings will be held—on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. At the Tuesday meeting, the national awards will be made to the fifteen best posters submitted in the great Dental Health Poster Contest. At the Thursday meeting, a symposium will be held on the past, present and future of preventive dentistry. In addition, over 400 table clinics covering all phases of dentistry will be given on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Friday afternoon.

The Scientific and Health Exhibit alone would be worth the trip to St. Louis from any part of the country. More than 30,000 square feet in the magnificent St. Louis Municipal Auditorium will be occupied by 125 exhibits depicting the March of Progress in Dentistry. "Youth Lane" will hold a prominent position in the hall of exhibits. Here more than 5,000 dental health posters—winners in the state and component society finals of the national contest—will be displayed. The Entertainment Committee has seen to it that every spare moment at the convention will be enjoyable. High mark of the entertainment, of course, is the colorful President's Ball which will be held on Wednesday evening. The St. Louis committee on arrangements, anxious for all members to be accommodated in the convention city according to individual requirements, has requested that those who have not already made reservations immediately write to the A.D.A. Field Secretary, Miss Charlotte Becraft, Room 108 Statler Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

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#### ERRATA

July-August issue, page 102, "High Lights of the Ontario D.N. & A. Assn. Meeting," 13th line should read—First Honorable Mention went to Tomye Turner (the last name "Turner" was left out) of Toronto.

J. A. SOUTHARD.

#### BOOK REVIEW

"TEXTBOOK OF PERIODONTIA (Oral Medecine) by Samuel Charles Miller, Associate Professor of Periodontia Department, N. Y. University College of Dentistry.—631 pages and illustrations with several color plates, \$8.00 net, published

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by P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Inc., 1012 Walnut St., Phila, Pa.

In an introduction by Dr. John Oppie McCall, he says in part, "In this book will be found an adequate presentation of the principles of treatment from the therapeutic and surgical standpoints, with comprehensive statement of the physiologic, histologic and biochemical aspects of periodontal pathology, as understood to-day. It adds one more unit to the rapidly growing structure that we call Periodontia, one well calculated to serve its purpose in the development of the science and art of periodontal treatment."—Besides the introduction by Dr. McCall there is a chapter on "The Endocrine System in Periodontial Disease" by Felix Bonhem, M.D., and special contributions by Arthur D. Black, D.D.S., M.D.; Olin Kirkland, D.D.S.; A. W. Ward, D.D.S, and G. Farrell, D.D.S. Also a worth while "Glossary," an "Index of Proper Names" and a "Subject Index."—This review should be brought to the attention of the Dentist in whose office she is associated, by every dental assistant who receives this Journal.

Rudyard Kipling's poem "IF" is famous as the personification of an ideal man. Elizabeth Lincoln Otis wrote an "IF" for girls, which is just as ideal. Following is presented an "IF" for dental assistants.

#### IF

(For Dental Assistants)

If you can dress in white and be attractive,
Not paint and powder make your chief delight;
If you can be alert and strong and active,
And, of maidenly graces not lose sight;
If you can keep the office neat and clean,
And play the part expected there of you;
Meet every patient with a pleasant mein,
And make them love you for the things you do;

If you can play with children and be gay, Make them forget their fright and be at ease; If as a hostess you can do and say, Things to fit occasion, charm, and please; If you can organize the office right, Keep books, appointments, and collections straight; If you can work each day with all your might, Be on your toes from early until late;

If you can sympathize when there is need, Know when to talk, yet never be a bore; If you can do the things you're told with speed, And keep efficiency your aim . . . and more; If as a secretary you are able, As diplomat and actress do your part; If you are always staunch and bright and stable, Perform your duties as you would an art;

You'll be, my girl, efficient and consistent, A most desirable dental assistant.

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#### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

ELIZABETH HAHN FLEISCHER, 975 Beaconsfield Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. All November-December Data MUST reach me by October 10th.—Thanks.

#### **CALIFORNIA**

Los Angeles D. A. A.

Meeting, September 9, 1938, 6:30 P.M. Place, Bristol's Restaurant.

Program, Business.

Clinic, "Chair Procedure", by Cecelia Oster and Eunice Jackson.

Speaker, Mr. R. W. Henderson.

Subject, "Dental Assistant's Place in Practice Building.'

Meeting, October 14, 1938. Place, Bristol Restaurant.

Program, Business Meeting and Nomination of Nominating Committee.

Music, L. A. D. A. A. Glee Club.

Gladys Schwartz, 1930 Wilshire Blvd.

Sacramento District D. A. A.

Meeting, Tuesday Sept. 13, 1938.

Dinner, 6:30 P. M. Place, Elk's Club.

Program, Business Meeting and plans for Dental Anatomy Course.

Adaline B. Warner, Publ. Chm. 909-5th St.

#### **FLORIDA**

Miami Dist. D. N. Assn.

Founders Day, Sept. 25th, 1938.

October 3rd, 1938.

Dinner, Place to be announced.

Business Meeting.

Program, Round Table Discussion and

Practical Hints.

Virginia Schenck, Program Chm., 401 Huntington Bldg.

#### **ILLINOIS**

Chicago D. A. A.

Date, Sept. 15, 1938.

Place, Medical and Dental Arts Bldg.

Time, Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Business Meeting, 8:00 P.M.

Speaker, to be announced. Emma Luke, Publ. Chm., 2605 Prairie Ave., Evanston

Northwest D. A. A.

District Meeting, Sept. 19th and 20th. Place, Martin Hotel, Sioux City, Iowa. Program, Good Speakers, Table Clinics, Luncheon and Annual Business Meet-

Sept. 25th, Juliette Southard Birthday Party.

Place, Martin Hotel, 3-5 P.M.

Musical Hour.

Lillian M. Olson, Publ. Chm., 841 Frances Bldg., Sioux City.

#### LOUISIANA

New Orleans D. A. A.

Meeting, Sept. 13, 1938. Place, Roosevelt Hotel.

Meeting, Sept. 27, 1938. Place, Roosevelt Hotel.

Scientific Meeting with Clinician to be announced later.

Kathryn Richard, Publ. Chm., 1224 Maison Blanche Bldg.

#### MICHIGAN Detroit D. A. Assn.

Meeting, Sept. 5, 1938.

Dinner Meeting.

Place, Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs.

National Convention Discussion.

Meeting, September 20, 1938. Speaker, Dr. Sam Lewis. Subject, "Fashions and Deformities."

Current Event, Evelyn Kemp.

Awarding of the National Pin to the winner of membership contest.

Meeting, October 4, 1938. Speaker, Robert M. Kerr, Jr. ant ife

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Subject, "Inlay Investing." Current Event, Elizabeth Fleischer. Meeting, October 18, 1938. Speaker, Dr. Martin L. Debats. Subject, "Oral Surgery. Current Event, Maxine Inghram. Meetings are held at Adams Room in Hotel Tuller. Elizabeth Hahn Fleischer, 975 Beaconsfield Ave.

#### MISSOURI

Kansas City D. A. and H. Assn. Meeting, Sept. 27, 1938. 7:30 P.M. Dinner, 6:00 P.M. Place, Pickwick Hotel. Speaker, Dr. John C. Warnoch. Clinic, Jean Grant, "Copper Electro Plating Dies.' October Meeting to be a "Gab Session," in preparation of National Convention. Ann Dallas, Publ. Chm. Suite 1430 Professional Bldg.

#### NEBRASKA

Lincoln D. A. A. Meeting, Sept. 19, 1938, 6:30 P.M. Dinner and Business Meeting. Place, Cornhusker Hotel. Meeting, October 3, 1938, 6:30 P.M. Dinner and Election of Officers. Place, Cornhusker Hotel. Party on October 17, 1938. Plans to be announced.

Omaha D. A. A. Meeting, Sept. 13, 1938, 8:30 P.M. Business Meeting. Place, Paxton Hotel. Meeting, Sept. 27, 1938, 7:30 P.M. Place, Paxton Hotel. Program, Guest Speaker, Dr. H. A. Merchant. Subject, "Tahiti." Business Meeting, October 11, 1938, 7:30 P.M. Place, Paxton Hotel Meeting, October 25, 1938, 7:30 P.M. Place, Paxton Hotel. Program to be announced.

#### 406 Aquila Court Bldg., Omaha. **NEW JERSEY**

Dorothy Pearson,

N. J. State D. A. Assn. The Board of Trustees will meet Sunday, Sept. 18th, 1938, at the Kingsley Arms, Asbury Park. The business meeting will be preceded by a luncheon. Members of the N. J. State D. A. Assn., are cordially invited to attend. Luncheon reservations may be made with Alice Fendall, c/o Dr. Blank, Haddon & Kaighn Aves., Camden, N. J. Alice Grossman, Publ. Chm., 410 Bergenline Ave., West New York, N. J.

#### OHIO

Cincinnati D. A. A. Meeting, Sept. 23, 1938, 7:15 P.M. Place, Hotel Gibson. Dinner, Gibson Rathskeller, 5:45 P.M. Program, Dr. C. J. Hudson, "Oral Surgery and Asepsis." Meeting, Oct. 21, 1938, 7:15 P.M. Place, Hotel Gibson. Dinner, Gibson Rathskeller, 5:45 P.M. Program, Dental Stunt Night, under direction of Educational Committee. Henriette Buck, 359 Doctor's Bldg.

Columbus D. A. A. Date, Sept. 12, 1938. Place, Hotel Charminel. Speaker, Mr. John F. Reen. Subject, "Interior Decorating." Date, Oct. 10, 1938. Place, Hotel Charminel. Speaker, Dr. D. F. Snyder. Subject, "Exodontia." Mildred Shook, Sec'y. 21491/2 N. High St.

Dayton D. A. A. Meeting, Monday Sept. 19, 1938, 7:30 P.M. Place, Fidelity Auditorium. Program to be announced. Meeting, Monday, Oct. 17, 1938, 7:30 P.M. Place, Fidelity Auditorium. Speaker, Dr. C. H. Buck. Subject, "Friendliness within an Organization." Charlotte Bahl, Program Chm., 720 Fidelity Bldg.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh D. A. A. Regular Dinner Meeting, Sept. 13, 1938. Place to be announced. Speaker, Dr. C. R. Gussinger. "The Dental Assistant and Subject, Secretary in the Exodentist's Office." Juliette A. Southard Party, Sept. 25, 1938 Meeting, Oct. 11, 1938.

Place, Fort Pitt Hotel. Speaker, Dr. H. B. Rorritt. Subject, "Surgical Pyorrhea." Lois Davis, Publ. Chm., Suite 7111 Jenkins Arcade.

**TENNESSEE** 

Memphis D. A. A. Meeting, Sept. 20, 1938, 7:30 P.M.

Place, Hotel Peabody.

Boss' Night, Entertainment in their honor and for Charter Members of Memphis D. A. A.

Meeting, Oct. 18, 1938, 7:30 P.M.

Place, Hotel Peabody.

Program, Jane Hyland, Paper. Mary Ferriter, Clinic.

Dr. Geo. Russell, pre-convention talk.

Chattanooga D. A. A.

Meeting, Sept. 13, 1938, 6:15 P.M. Place, Chattanooga Bank Bldg., Conference Room.

Program, in Charge of Chairman, Edna Mae Kelley.

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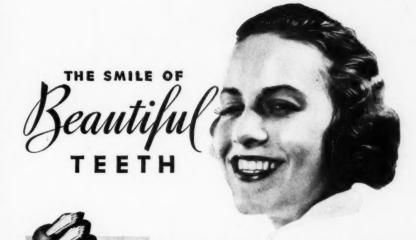
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